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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 7.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Sunday cloudy to partly cloudy.

Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon—Cloudy and occasionally threatening, with lower temperature Sunday afternoon or night.

LACK OF APPRECIATION.

Nine persons out of ten fail in the capacity for appreciation. They lack ability to recognize the true meaning and worth of art, music and good literature, and, what is still worse, they do not appreciate or at least do not show that they appreciate what their fellow-men are doing in the world and sometimes what they are doing for them. The revelation of this fact came long ago to a great physician to body and soul after he had put a group of ten sick men in the way of receiving the boon of restoration to health. But after their sudden and joyous recovery only one of them returned to thank his benefactor. Though the latter had had more than one experience of the ingratitude of his fellow-men this remarkable instance of it drew from him the comment: "Were there not ten healed and where are the nine?"

This proportion, nine to one, has held through the centuries, and it becomes us to ask ourselves whether we belong to the great majority or to the minority, and if we conclude, as most of us will after honest self-searching, that we are not as appreciative of others as we ought to be, we can at once take steps toward it. Though the latter had more just as the capacity to appreciate fine music and beautiful statuary may be cultivated, so it is possible to foster the habit of appreciating our fellow-men.

Try it in the various ranges of life in which you move. Begin, where the opportunity is as inviting as anywhere, namely, in the home. If the child does a good thing, masters a fault, conquers a temptation, discharges a difficult task, tell him that you appreciate the deed. If a parent spends himself unsparsingly in the interests of the children, let the son or daughter stop long enough to express gratitude. The day is sure to come when you will wish you had been more demonstrative, and then it may be too late. If a servant is capable and trustworthy drop a word of encouragement now and then.

Wherever men and women work together in groups, as in shops, offices or factories, there is a chance for appreciativeness.

We have no sympathy with concerns run on the principle that it is never safe to praise an employe, on the ground that he or she will become unduly elated. The best results arise when there is quick and generous recognition of good work and of a cheerful spirit. To be sure, no honest workman cares for flattery but on the other hands there is a just yearning among those tied down to some treadmill of duty for something more than wages at the end of the week, for even the slightest token of approbation from those whose esteem is prized.

The same principle applies in all the work of the world, to the minister who often wonders whether his sermon came anywhere near hitting the target, to the physician who carries his patient through a terrible crisis, to the office holder who is certain to receive plenty of kicks and cuffs if he makes any slip but who far too seldom receives com-

mendation for standing by his colors and who, if he were thus assured of the backing of righteous men might be more disposed to order his public career according to high ideals.

A minister who had made a tour of the world, on returning home was tendered a reception by his people and as he and his wife entered the room which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, the first thing that caught their eyes was a motto in big letters, "We love you and we tell you so." If some of the appreciation which lies buried in human hearts could be brought definitely to the knowledge of those for whom it is cherished how it would ease their burden and brighten the way.

Let us not take too much for granted in this busy world; let us not assume that others know our feelings toward them; let us go out of our way to express in a frank, manly way our admiration for those who deserve it. Above all let us cultivate an appreciative rather than a censorious estimate of our fellowmen.

SEATTLE'S MAGNANIMITY.

Seattle in the state of Washington bears a strong resemblance to Portland in the state of Oregon, so far as being afflicted with porcine qualifications. The business men and politicians of Seattle have raised a slush fund of \$100,000 to be judiciously distributed among the legislators of the state of Washington to elect Mr. Piles United States senator from that state. Of course the man elected to represent the state of Washington will not be considered in the distribution of the loaves and fishes, the fund being raised to send an army of third house representatives to the state capital to plead, with tears in their eyes, and boodle in their pockets, with the representatives and senators for the election of a Seattle man for United States senator.

The man they have selected is a republican, because the legislature is republican. If the legislature was democratic, the same amount would be raised to send a Seattle democrat to the senate. The Seattle republicans are certainly entitled to a representative of some kind and a trustee in the penitentiary would more than repay them for what they have done for the republican party of the state of Washington. The Seattle republicans have been responsible for every democratic victory in that state, as when a Seattle man was not nominated, they knifed the ticket and voted for the democrat.

For this reason they are unable to go before the state legislature on their merits and their steadfast loyalty to the republican party, but must raise a slush fund and buy the office. Seattle is very magnanimous in this regard. What they can't steal they can raise money enough to buy.

PRESS AND PULPIT.

There should be a better understanding between the church and the press. Each have a mission to perform, both striving in a way to attain the same end in the betterment of humanity. The church enunciates its doctrines from the pulpits, and auxiliary organizations promote social unity among its members. The good that is to be accomplished for humanity cannot be accomplished alone from the pulpit, but each individual member is supposed to reach out and bring in new members to build up the organization. In this, a church bears a close resemblance to a secret society organized for fraternity and mutual benefit. The secret societies have their rituals upon which is founded their creeds. The church has the Bible, which is the creed and manual for the government of its members.

The church depends to a great extent upon the influence of the press if that influence is exerted in the right direction. It can reach those who are not communicants, and keep them posted upon the good they are doing for the people. The press is the lever that molds public opinion, and assists materially in building up society. When the refining influence of the church is thrown around society, it becomes a power for good and an assistant in the progress of Christianity. In the mad rush for the acquisition of wealth, religious obligations are often neglected and it is for this reason that The Astorian has advocated Sunday observance as a means of bringing about a better understanding between the public and the church. The church alone cannot secure Sunday observance. It must be assisted by the press, and when both work together the influence redounds to the benefit of the public.

The people of Astoria must be educated up to this question. It is not an infringement on the rights of anyone simply a duty we owe to society and good government.

In nearly all of the eastern cities, especially in the small towns, Sunday is generally observed. The people have been educated up to it, and when once they become accustomed to its benign influence, they cannot be induced to go back to the old regime. In the west, the people have not been accustomed to it. People are more interested in their material welfare than their spiritual welfare. The greed for gain predominates to such an extent that people do not consider the dividing line between the six days of the week and the seventh. All days look alike to them. Their children are not taught Sunday observance, and in many instances the functions of society leave no time for education of children.

Observance of Sunday does not mean a religious observance. It was intended as a day of rest from toil, turmoil and strife and business cares. Those religiously inclined have their mode of observing the Sabbath. The more liberal have different ideas, but these do not enter into the question, the idea being to have both the laws enunciated in the Bible and those passed by legislative bodies observed, at least so far as business is concerned. If the laws were universally followed and lived up to, the church would not have to advertise their Sunday services in order to draw a crowd, the people would naturally find themselves there, and it would be an innovation to a large contingent of Astoria's population. To attain this object, the press and pulpit must work hand in hand, and if the press could be induced to give one day in the week to the discussion of religious subjects, the public would become enlightened upon a subject that it is apparently ignorant of. Christmas is universally observed as a day of family reunion, and if Sunday were to be observed in the same manner, the results attained would be marvelous and a blessing to all mankind.

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WILLIAMS TRIUMPHANT.

District Attorney Dismisses Some Fool Indictments.

Portland, Jan. 7.—Upon motion of District Attorney John Manning the indictments returned by the county grand jury against Mayor Williams and the chief of police, Mr. Hunt, of this city, were today dismissed. Manning also asked that Mayor Williams be fully exonerated of any offense charged in the indictment.

Manning in the course of his remarks said: "I fully realize no man is above the law, and if Mayor Williams upon evidence sufficient in a court of law to justify a trial, is presumably guilty of any illegal act, I would be first to prosecute him. But, after having carefully investigated the evidence upon which this indictment was predicated, I find nothing against the mayor that would warrant me in trying this case as I am satisfied that any jury would and ought to acquit Mayor Williams."

"Under the circumstances I am compelled to recommend that the indictment against Williams be dismissed and he be fully exonerated of any offense charged in the indictment."

PECULIAR FLOTSAM.

Wreckage Is Coming Ashore That Has No Identity.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7.—Following the finding of a life buoy marked "Antonio London" near Cloche on Vancouver Island coast, news is received of the finding of further wreckage near Carmanah point, and the badly decomposed body of an unknown man near the entrance of Barclay sound.

The beach is strewn for miles with lumber, much being heavy timber. There is a lot of new oak and barrels and other flotsam. No vessels are known to be overdue and no vessel with a name similar to that on the life buoy washed ashore are expected in these waters.

USELESS TALK.

Conference Results in No Better Understanding.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—An important conference regarding legislative questions pending before congress was held this afternoon. In addition authority of the president that no conference were Speaker Cannon, Senators Allison, Aldrich, Spooner and Platt of Connecticut, and Representatives Payne of New York and Dalzell Grosvenor and Tawney. It can be said on authority of the president that on conclusions were reached at the conference. Indeed, the statement is made that other conferences will be held before decisions of a definite character are reached.

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